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ARRL AFFILIATED-SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

July 2013



Hams assist in support of Black Forest Fire



Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.

## PPRAA HAM RADIO MEGAFEST

➡ Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ⬅

8 AM to 1 PM Lewis-Palmer High School

1300 Higby Rd., Monument, CO 80132; East of I-25, Exit 158 or 161

Vendor Setup at 6 AM — Ticket Sales Open at 7:30 AM

Talk In: 146.970 MHz (-) 100 Hz Tone



### ***Great Raffle Prizes!***

One Raffle Ticket Included with Admission  
Additional Tickets: \$1 Each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20

Drawing at Noon, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.  
Raffle prize winners need not be present to win.

***Kenwood TS-590 with microphone***

***\$500 Gift Certificate to HRO***

***LDG AT600 Pro II – Antenna Tuner***

***Rigexpert AA-54 – Antenna Analyzer***

***Icom ID-880H***

***Gap Titan DX Antenna***

***Arrow Antenna 146/347-10WBP with  
roll-up bag***

Raffle License #2013-06118  
Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.  
P. O. Box 16521 Colorado Springs, CO 80935

### Scheduled Activities:

- License Testing at 10 AM
- Hourly Door Prizes
- - Door prize winners must be present to win

### ***Many thanks to our sponsors:***

*Kenwood USA Corporation*

*Ham Radio Outlet*

*Cheyenne Mountain Repeater Group*

*Arrow Antenna, LLC*

*Southwest Antennas & Accessories*

Contact info: [Megafest@ppraa.org](mailto:Megafest@ppraa.org)

[ppraa.org/megafest](http://ppraa.org/megafest)

**Monthly Ham Breakfast**

**LOCATION**

**Sandy's**

6940 Space Village Ave

Saturday, 6 July 2013

Time is from 8:00-9:30 AM

All are warmly invited to come on down and join us!

**July PPRAA Club Meeting**

**The July 10th club meeting will be at the IHop on Stetson Hills Blvd (just west of Powers Blvd). 5749 Stetson Hills Blvd.**



## PPRAA Club Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Mike Derbort</b>	<b>KCØELG</b>
<b>Vice President</b>		
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Diana Nordstrom</b>	<b>KCØNPP</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Pam Scott</b>	<b>WØPRS</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Tom Brereton</b>	<b>WØTOM</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>John Wishart</b>	<b>KCØJFH</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Doug Neilsen</b>	<b>N7LEM</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Jim Bishop</b>	<b>KDØKQL</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Virgil Yost</b>	<b>NØXRS</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Kerrienne Dixon</b>	<b>KDØIPR</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>Jim Rader</b>	<b>KDØNQM</b>
<b>Ø-Beat Editor</b>	<b>Mike Anderson</b>	<b>WV7T</b>

All officers can be contacted at:  
[boardmembers@ppraa.org](mailto:boardmembers@ppraa.org)

## Garden of the Gods Amateur Radio Club



### Garden of the Gods ARC meeting

First Monday of each month at Fargos Pizza at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

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## PPRAA FACE BOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/PPRAA-Pikes-Peak-Radio-Amateur-Association/185833894769325?v=wall>

## Practical Ham Skills and Licensing

Mike Anderson, WV7T  
[wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net)  
719-229-8610

## License Instruction

License tutoring by request

## Hands-on classes

Hands-on from 3-5 pm on **Saturdays**.

Pre-registration required

Call to register 229-8610.

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## Study Materials

Licensing and technical books are available at Centennial Electronics.



**ARRL Incoming QSL Bureaus**

[www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service](http://www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service)

**ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureaus**

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## ARRL Affiliated Clubs-Outgoing QSL cards

ARRL affiliated-club stations may use the service when submitting club QSLs for its members in bulk ("pooling" their members cards together in one package) by indicating the club name inside the package. Club secretaries should check club affiliation on the ARRL web site to ensure that their affiliation is current. In a "pooled" package, each club member using this service **must also be an ARRL member**. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix and a proof of membership should be enclosed for each ARRL member. QSLs for unaffiliated club calls may also be sent via the outgoing bureau to foreign destinations if the trustee of the club call is a member in good standing. The trustee's proof of membership must be included with the club call-QSLs.

## PPRAA Apparel

Both **Silk Screen and Embroidered** (Shirts, T-Shirts, Hats, Badges, etc.), members pay for individual shirts. Embroidered - Club logo = \$7. Call sign and name ordered together = \$7, Call sign or name ordered separately = \$5 each. The number to call to order is: (719) 591-6151. Monograms by Jane.

**Silkscreened** - T-Shirts with a one color left chest logo only no name or call sign: Small thru Xlarge: \$8.75 ea. T-Shirts with one color logo on left and name with call sign on right side: Small thru Xlarge: \$9.60 ea. for XXlarge add \$2.00 per shirt. POC Dick Thompson, WØRAA 719-520-0288



## Events In Colorado

### Megafest

**MEGAFEST.** Saturday July 27th, 2013. Hours are from 0800 to 1300 (Vendors at 0600) Ticket sales start at 0730.

Location is at Lewis-Palmer High School. 1300 Higby Road, Monument, CO

### COQP

#### 2013 Colorado QSO Party

**1200 UTC 31 August 2013 until 0400 UTC 1 September 2013 (6AM to 10PM MDT)**

## Ø-BEAT JULY 1983

June meeting held at the Palmer House Motel had 55members present. New novice classes to start in September. Colorado has a new section manager: KQØJ. Mark NØEPF reports a ham radio public service announcement to be aired on channel 13. The meeting ended at 10:11 pm. Mark NØEPF reports that the club is now back reactivated as an ARRL club. The club picnic will be on August 7 in Black Forest. BYO meat. The club is still looking into the liability insurance to see if we should get some or not. The coffee pot is missing – Les will locate a new one for purchase. The club decided it's time for a club PO box and one was obtained. The cost of the meeting room at the Palmer House Motel may be too high, and Tom will try to negotiate a lower cost. No article or anything describing all of the past efforts on the National Sports Festival, who volunteered, what was accomplished. Apparently it was a success.

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## CONTESTS

### July 2013

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- + RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
- + 10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party 0001Z, Jul 1 to 2400Z, Jul 7
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 1
- + ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 2
- + NRAU 10m Activity Contest 1700Z-1800Z, Jul 4 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Jul 4 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jul 4 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Jul 4 (Dig)
- + MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint 2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
- + Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest 0000Z, Jul 6 to 2359Z, Jul 7
- + DL-DX RTTY Contest 1100Z, Jul 6 to 1059Z, Jul 7
- + Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jul 6 to 1500Z, Jul 7
- + PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint 2000 local, Jul 6 to 0200 local, Jul 7
- + DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Jul 7
- + NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint 1800Z-2000Z, Jul 10
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 10
- + FISTS Summer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Jul 13
- + SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 1200Z, Jul 13 to 2400Z, Jul 14
- + IARU HF World Championship 1200Z, Jul 13 to 1200Z, Jul 14
- + NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jul 18
- + RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, Jul 18
- + DMC RTTY Contest 1200Z, Jul 20 to 1200Z, Jul 21

+ Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Jul 20

+ CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 1800Z, Jul 20 to 2100Z, Jul 21

+ North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Jul 20 to 0600Z, Jul 21

+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jul 22

+ SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jul 24

+ RSGB IOTA Contest 1200Z, Jul 27 to 1200Z, Jul 28

+ US Counties QSO Party 1400Z-2400Z, Jul 27 and 1400Z-2400Z, Jul 28

+ New Jersey QSO Party 1600Z, Jul 27 to 0400Z, Jul 28 and 1300Z-2000Z, Jul 28



The dog days  
of summer

## MARC VE EXAMS

(January, March, May, July, September, November)

The Mountain Amateur Radio Club (MARC) VE Team conducts VE exam sessions in Woodland Park every odd month at 10 am on the first Saturday in the Community Meeting Room of the Woodland Park Library, 218 East Midland Avenue. The MARC VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the Woodland Park Library, is available under “VE Sessions” on the MARC website at <http://www.nx0g.org/ve.html> or contact Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) at [k0hbx@arrl.net](mailto:k0hbx@arrl.net) or call (719) 687-8758.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

1. A valid **PHOTO ID**, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
2. Your **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** (now required – this includes children) or **FRN** number.
3. Your **ORIGINAL** amateur radio license (if any) **AND** a **PHOTOCOPY** for the VE Team to keep.
4. The **ORIGINAL** of any relevant **CSCEs** you have **AND** a **PHOTOCOPY** for the VE Team to keep.
5. **Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15** (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to MARC and covers all the different exams you wish to take at the VE session.

MARC VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

For already licensed hams, MARC members should be monitoring the MARC repeater system 146.820- or 448.650- (both 107.2 Hz) if you need help with talk-in.

## **PPRAA VE EXAMS**

**(February, April, June, August October December)**

PPRAA VE session will be held at 9 am on the second Saturday of the even months at Colorado Technical University.

Directions to CTU are at the PPRAA website [ppraa.org](http://ppraa.org).

Applicants will need the following items at the session:

1. A **valid PHOTO ID**, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
2. Your **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** (now required – this includes children) or **FRN** number.
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Galen Steele AGØA  
PPRAA VE Contact  
719-213-1109

Anyone passing their Technician Class examination at a PPRAA test session will receive a free year's membership to the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association.

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## *Ditz n Bitz*

### For Sale or Wanted

Do you have something to sell, trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net) and see it in Dits and Bits.

Also, visit the PPRAA Forum's online Ditz and Bitz at [www.ppraa.forumotion.net](http://www.ppraa.forumotion.net) !!

**Membership Application**  
**Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80935**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Full Member - \$15.00

☐ Full Member over 65 - \$10.00

☐ Free - VE Signature Required:

☐ Family Membership (same address) - \$18.00

☐ Family Membership (both over 65) - \$12.00

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